

Resolution 449 (1979)

of 30 May 1979

The Security Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force,¹⁶

Decides:

(a) To call upon the parties concerned to implement immediately Security Council resolution 338 (1973) of 22 October 1973;

(b) To renew the mandate of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for another period of six months, that is, until 30 November 1979;

(c) To request the Secretary-General to submit at the end of this period a report on the developments in the situation and the measures taken to implement resolution 338 (1973).

Adopted at the 2145th meeting by 14 votes to none.¹⁷

Decisions

At the same meeting, following the adoption of resolution 449 (1979), the President made the following statement (S/13362) on behalf of the Council:

"In connexion with the adoption of the resolution on the renewal of the mandate of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, I have been authorized to make the following complementary statement on behalf of the Security Council regarding the resolution just adopted:

"As is known, the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force¹⁸ states in paragraph 28 that, 'Despite the present quiet in the Israel-Syria sector, the situation in the Middle East as a whole continues to be potentially dangerous and is likely to remain so unless and until a comprehensive settlement covering all aspects of the Middle East problem can be reached'. This statement of the Secretary-General reflects the view of the Security Council."

"Further, on behalf of the delegation of China, I wish to state that, as it has not participated in the vote on this resolution, it takes the same position with regard to the statement which I have just read out on behalf of the members of the Council."

In a letter dated 31 May 1979,¹⁸ the Secretary-General informed the Security Council of the decision of the Government of Norway to withdraw the Norwegian helicopter unit from the United Nations Interim Force

in Lebanon at the end of the current mandate. The Secretary-General noted that it was his intention to accept the offer of the Government of Italy to provide a helicopter unit, subject to the usual consultations. In a letter dated 7 June,¹⁹ the President of the Council informed the Secretary-General as follows:

"I have brought your letter of 31 May 1979 concerning the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon to the attention of the members of the Security Council. They considered the matter in informal consultations on 7 June and agreed with the proposals contained in your letter.

"The representative of China has informed me that China, not having participated in the voting on resolutions 425 (1978) and 426 (1978), dissociates itself from the matter."

At its 2146th meeting, on 31 May 1979, the Council decided to invite the representatives of Israel and Lebanon to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East: letter dated 30 May 1979 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/13356)".¹⁵

At the same meeting, the Council also decided, by a vote, that an invitation should be accorded to the representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization to participate in the debate and that that invitation would confer upon it the same rights of participation as those conferred on a Member State when it was invited to participate under rule 37 of the provisional rules of procedure.

Adopted by 10 votes to 1 (United States of America), with 4 abstentions (France, Norway, Portugal, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

At its 2147th meeting, on 12 June 1979, the Council decided to invite the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the Syrian Arab Republic to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the item entitled:

"The situation in the Middle East:

"Letter dated 30 May 1979 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/13356);¹⁵

"Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (S/13384)".¹⁵

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, document S/13382.

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, document S/13350.

¹⁷ One member (China) did not participate in the voting.

¹⁸ *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-fourth Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1979*, document S/13381.